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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PARM  
SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PLENARY, MAY 10, 1978 (SALT-TWO 1732)

REF: A. SALT TWO 1734 B. SALT TWO 1725 C. SALT TWO 1726  
D. SALT TWO 1733

1. AT MAY 10 PLENARY, SEMENOV'S STATEMENT (REF A) TABLED  
SOVIET HEAVY BOMBER PROPOSALS FOR ARTICLE II.3 INITIALLY  
PRESENTED AT HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING (REFS B AND C),  
ADDING NEW AGREED STATEMENT LIMITING HEAVY BOMBERS TO MAXI-  
MUM OF 20 LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES.

2. I MADE STATEMENT (REF D) PRESENTING ALTERNATIVE ICBM  
NEW TYPES PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE IV.9, PROVIDING ONE EXEMP-  
TION FOR MIRVED OR NON-MIRVED LIGHT ICBM FOR TREATY PERIOD.

3. SEMENOV STATED THERE WAS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT  
THE TREATY WOULD ALLOW FOR ONE NEW TYPE OF ICBM AND THAT  
SOVIETS HAVE ALWAYS SAID THIS SHOULD BE A SINGLE RV ICBM.

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THE US ALTERNATE PROPOSAL IMPLIED POSSIBILITY OF A NEW  
MIRVED ICBM TO WHICH SOVIETS IN NO WAY CAN AGREE. I DIS-  
PUTED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON TREATY PROVISIONS AND MADE  
CLEAR THE EQUAL STATUS OF THE TWO US PROPOSALS.

4. IN POST-PLENARY, AFTER I REAFFIRMED EQUAL STATUS OF  
THE TWO U.S. ICBM NEW TYPES PROPOSALS, SEMENOV NOTED THAT

HIS STATEMENT AT TABLE WAS SAME AS MADE BY SOVIET SIDE IN MOSCOW. U.S. PROPOSALS DID NOT TAKE SOVIET VIEWS EQUALLY INTO ACCOUNT. I WITHHELD COMMENT ON SOVIET HEAVY BOMBER PROPOSALS EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT PROPOSED AGREED STATEMENT RE 20 CRUISE MISSILES PER HEAVY BOMBER WAS DISAPPOINTING AND A STEP BACKWARDS. RE DATA BASE, I REAFFIRMED U.S. VIEW THAT 18 LAUNCHERS AT TYURA-TAM ARE OPERATIONAL, NOTING THAT SOVIET SIDE HAD NOT ADDRESSED EVIDENCE WE HAD CITED. SEMENOV REPEATED EARLIER STATEMENT THAT THOSE LAUNCHERS WERE TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS, AND ADDED THAT THEY WERE NOT OPERATIONAL AND "CANNOT BE SO". HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT.

5. ROWNY-BELETSKY/STARODUBOV

SOVIETS ADMITTED THAT THE TERM "CONSULTATIONS" IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR PROPOSAL ON ALCM CARRIERS NEEDS CLARIFICATION AND PROMISED TO COME BACK TO IT. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION CONCERNING "SPECIALLY BUILT" STARODUBOV MADE IT CLEAR THAT UNDER THE SOVIET PROPOSAL NO CONVERSION OF EXISTING TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT TO CRUISE MISSILE CARRIERS WAS PERMISSIBLE, ADDING THAT SUCH AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE TO BE BUILT FROM SCRATCH AND EQUIPPED FOR NO MORE THAN 20 CRUISE MISSILES.

6. JOHNSON/SHCHUKIN

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SHCHUKIN, REFERRING TO HERALD TRIBUNE ARTICLE, SUGGESTED WE SHOULD NOT PUT "ALL OUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET", I.E., U.S. SHOULD LIMIT CRUISE MISSILE CARRIERS TO A MAXIMUM OF 20 MISSILES. HE OBSERVED THAT WE WERE ONLY TALKING ABOUT B-52S FOR NOW BUT THE LIMITATION WOULD ALSO APPLY TO FUTURE CARRIERS AS WELL. HE REJECTED STRONGLY U.S. ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE ICBM NEW TYPES BAN IN THE TREATY, SAYING THAT THIS WOULD SIGNAL AN ACCELERATION OF THE ARMS RACE. HE ALSO REJECTED THE EARLIER U.S. PROPOSAL FOR A PROTOCOL BAN WITHOUT EXEMPTION, SINCE HE WORRIED ABOUT THE PRECEDENTIAL ASPECTS OF PROHIBITIONS IN THE PROTOCOL. FINALLY, HE STATED THE SOVIETS REQUIRED A NEW LIGHT SINGLE RV MISSILE TO MAINTAIN THE VIABILITY OF THEIR FORCE-IMPLYING NO FLEXIBILITY IN THE SOVIET POSITION.

7. SCHNEITER/TALBERT/LTCOL JOHNSON-BEKETOV/JOURAVLEV  
BILATERAL

SOVIETS SAID THAT WHEN SIDES "CONSULT" CONCERNING INCLUSION OF BOMBERS EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE MISSILES OR ASBMS, IT MEANS THEY EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON NATURE OF FRODS AND AGREE ON

SUCH FRODS. JOURAVLEV SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CON-  
SULTATION CONCERNING INCLUSION OF EXISTING TRANSPORT AIR-  
PLANES WHICH HAD BEEN CONVERTED INTO AIRPLANES EQUIPPED  
FOR CRUISE MISSILES, BECAUSE SUCH CONVERSION WAS PROHIBITED.  
JOHNSON ASKED WHETHER A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED AIRPLANE EQUIPPED  
FOR CRUISE MISSILES WHICH HAD AIRFRAME OF SAME BASIC TYPE  
AS TRANSPORT AIRPLANE WOULD BE PERMITTED UNDER SOVIET PRO-  
POSAL. JOURAVLEV RESPONDED THAT SUCH AN AIRPLANE WOULD  
BE CONSIDERED "SPECIALLY BUILT" TO CARRY CRUISE MISSILES;

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CHANGE PARA 9 TO READ PARA 8)

THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE A "BOMBER" AND WOULD BE PERMITTED.

8. NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, MAY 12. EARLE

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